

d.) **Remarks**

Claims 120 and 121 have been canceled and thus claims 99-119 are presently pending.

Remarks regarding Drawings

The Drawings stand objected as alleged informal. Enclosed herewith are formal drawings.

Remarks Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)/103

Claims 120 and 121 stand rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious over Lopez-Avila et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 120 and 121 have been canceled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot and applicant respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The application is in condition for allowance and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any fees due with the filing of this Response, including any fees for an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that extension and also requests that any and all fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1952.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosed: Formal drawings

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